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Drew Pearson at 2:15 P.M. over WMAL-TV (Washington) and various other stations throughout the country:

MR. PEARSON WAS SEEN ON THE TELEVISION SCREEN SEATED AT A DESK IN THE STUDIO. HE HELD UP VARIOUS PAPERS AS HE SPOKE.

PEARSON: "Today I want to report to you on one of the biggest fiascos in the history of our foreign policy, the fiasco of Formosa. For about ten years we poured money, men, equipment, advice, friendship into the Chinese Nationalist government on Formosa. For about ten years we heard and believed Chiang Kai Shek's pledge that his troops would go back to the Chinese mainland, to retake it from communism. And for about ten years we considered the Chinese Nationalists our good friends and allies. We fought for them at the United Nations, argued with the French and British who didn't agree with us, and we even passed a resolution through Congress at Eisenhower's request, pledging that the United States of America would go to war to defend Formosa and its offshore islands. Then suddenly, almost overnight, we found that the Chinese Nationalists were so intensely anti-American that they mobbed Americans in the streets and made the American Embassy a shambles. In a minute, I'll give you the inside story of just how the American people were so badly fooled."

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"First of all, let us see exactly what happened in Formosa. I don't need to tell you that the American Embassy property in any country is sacrosanct, protected by international law. Not even a foreign policeman can enter without permission from the United States.

"Despite this, a mob of Chinese Nationalists broke into our embassy at Taipei, and no embassy or consulate in the memory of diplomats has been so firecally, so completely gutted. The crowds began storming the embassy compound in the morning; hours passed; there was ample time to mobilize the police or the Chinese troops, which American taxpayers have paid to train and equip. But neither was called. Instead, the crowds were allowed to break inside the embassy, destroy its furnishings, smash its windows, crack up its desks, pull down the U. S. Information library and destroy its files.

"Most significant of all, a gang equipped with crowbars and heavy tools went direct to the room holding the secret code of the United States. There they proceeded to batter down the wall and steal the code. As a result, the Chinese are now able to decode every secret message sent by Eisenhower and Secretary Dulles to every capital and nation. We've now changed the code, of course, but they are still able to read past messages. Obviously, it had been deliberately planned in advance to break into the Embassy and steal the code. And Chiang Kai-Shek's police and troops did nothing to stop it.

"All this happened despite the fact that Chiang Kai-Shek was supposed to be vigorously pro-American. So the big question is how did the United States make the mistake of depending so heavily on a government which couldn't be depended upon? How were the American people so fooled? The answer, I think, should be given in detail but, in brief, the American people were fooled by one of the most potent lobbies ever to operate in this country.